

Two at arsenal charged with fraud

Two Joliet Army Arsenal employees were charged Monday with conspiring to defraud the U.S. Department of Defense by supplying defective ammunition.

James Law, head of ammunition testing at the arsenal, and Russell Miller, a ballistics quality engineer, were charged with attempting to defraud the government in 1984-87. They were charged with supplying more than \$15 million in defective ammunition to Army helicopters and tanks and Air Force planes.

Miller, 37, of 901A Gael Drive is charged with one misdemeanor count of permitting the manufacture of ammunition that did not meet U.S. requirements.

Law, 51, of Coon Rapids, Minn., is charged with causing defense workers to accept delivery of substandard and faulty ammunition not meeting the specifications of government contracts. Law no longer works at the arsenal.

Law is charged with conspiring with others to prevent Defense Department inspectors from watching the ammunition testing. He allowed 1,132,154 rounds of substandard ammunition to be delivered to the Department of Defense, according to the case.